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SUBJECT: JOINT-FUND RESEARCH PROJECTS: DHEW/PHS AND DHEW/SRS

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1. JALJASZEWICZ, ATER CONSULTATION WITH WALICKI, REPORTS FOLLOWING STATUS DHEW PROJECTS PROPOSED REF A FOR JOINT FUND: PROJECTS 1 TO 4 (SAWICKI, WENDER, JABLONSKA; AND KANTOCH) ARE IN ABEYANCE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF WHETHER THESE ARE "NEW" PROJECTS FOR PURPOSES OF JOINT FUND; FUNDING LEVELS FOR PROJECTS 4 TO 8 (KANTOCH, WIOR, BACZYK, HANICKI, AND DOBRZYCKA) ARE IN ALL CASES CONSIDERABLY BELOW ORIGINAL BUDGET SUBMISSIONS. IN THESE CASES, JELJASZEWICZ AND WALICKI DESIRE TO KNOW WHETHER PROPOSED PROJECTS SHOULD BE SCALED DOWN TO CONFORM TO LEVEL FOR FUNDING PROPOSED BY DHEW, OR WHETHER SOME ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR FUNDING PROJECTS AT OR NEAR ORIGINALLY PORPOSED LEVELS IS CONTEMPLATED.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ISSUE OF WHETHER PROJECT IS "NEW" FOR JOINT FUND PURPOSES COULD BE SETTLED QUICKLY ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFC, THEREBY PERMITTING ACTION ON PROJECTS ONE, TWO, AND THREE IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. WITH REGARD TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED BUDGETS AND FUNDING LEVELS APPROVED BY DHEW, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE SERIOUS MISTAKE TO MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOINT FUND BEFORE SOURCES FOR 100 PERCENT OF FUNDING FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS ARE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES. THIS ALSO APPIES TO SIMILAR SRS PROPOSAL IN REF B. ASSUMING THAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BUDGETS CAN BE JUSTIFIED ON BASIS OF SCOPE AND

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SCIENTIFIC MERIT OF RESEARCH, EMBASSY SUGGESTS DHEW AND

DEPARTMENT CONSIDER REQUESTING POLES TO MAKE UP DIFFERENCES FROM THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND. THIS WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGES OF (A) AVOIDING SCALING DOWN OF PROJECTS WHICH IN AT LEAST SOME CASES JELJASZEWICZ BELIEVES WOULD BE BELOW LEVEL TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS, (B) DEMONSTRATING TRUE "JOINTNESS" OF JOINT FUND, AND (C) PRESUMABLY ALLOWING EARLIER COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED PROJECTS. GUIDANCE ON THIS PINT WOULD BE APPRECIATED ASAP.

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